Alleppey Hospital and Medical aid to the poor.

296. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Are the Government aware that the poor people of Alleppey experience much difficulty in getting proper medical aid from the Government Hospital?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): ആശുപത്രി വേണമെന്നുള്ള ജനങ്ങളുടെ സങ്കടങ്ങൾ ഗവണ്മെൻറിന്റെ ദൃഷ്ടിയിൽ കൊണ്ടുവരുന്നതിനുള്ള മാർഗ്ഗങ്ങൾ എന്താണെന്ന ദയവായി പറയുമോ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): ജനങ്ങൾ തന്നെ ആശുപത്രിയുടെ ആവശ്യകതയെപ്പറ്റി പരാതി കൊടുക്കാം; മെഡിക്കൽ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാർ സന്ദർശിക്കുന്ന അവസരങ്ങളിൽ അപേക്ഷിച്ചു് ഗവണ്മെൻറിനെ അറിയിക്കാം; നിയമസഭയിൽ ചോദ്യം ചോദിക്കുന്നതുതന്നെ അതിനൊരുമാർഗ്ഗമാണ്. ഇങ്ങിനെ പല പ്രകാരത്തിലും മാർഗ്ഗങ്ങളുണ്ടു്.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): കഴിഞ്ഞ പ്രജാസഭയിൽ അമ്പലപ്പുഴ താലൂക്കു മെമ്പർ മി: റെഡ്ഡിയാർ ഇതിനെപ്പറ്റി പ്രതിവാദിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): സൂക്ഷ്മമായിട്ടറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ. അങ്ങിനെ പ്രതിവാദിച്ചിരിക്കാം. മെമ്പർ ഇപ്പോൾ പറയുന്നതിനെ വിശ്വസിച്ചു നോട്ടു ചെയ്തിരിക്കുന്നു.

Inspector, Sea Customs, Alleppey.

297. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): With reference to the Inspector, Sea Customs, Alleppey, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the time during which the present officer has been in that station; and

(*b*) the amount he has drawn from the Government every month on account of overtime work, etc., in addition to his pay and allowance during the above period together with the several items towards which such disbursements were made?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Since 10-11-1102.

(*b*) No amount is paid by the Government on account of overtime work, etc.,

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): The answer to part (*b*) is: "No amount is paid by the Government on account of overtime work, etc." May I know whether any amount is paid over and above the pay of the officer?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Nothing is paid over and above the pay of the officer by the Government. But I may state for the information of the member that steamer owners are paying over-time fees for the over-time work done by them out of office hours.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Are the Government keeping accounts?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): They are paid by steamer agents at certain fixed rates for work done out of office hours and on holidays. This is the rate: every Inspector is paid one day's pay if it is out of office hours on a working day; on holidays 2 days' pay; and half a rupee per hour during nights and so on. Government do not recognise the payments made by the steamer agents for work done out of office hours.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Am I to understand that the Government do not take account of these payments to a Government officer who works on behalf of a company in spite of the fact that he is paid for by the Government?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Government know that they are being paid at this rate; but there is no register or account kept by the Government because it is not a transaction involving expenditure of Government money.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Does it not involve spending their time for which Government are paying them?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): They cannot work during office hours. It involves only work out of office hours.

District Hospital, Neyyattinkara.

298. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): With reference to the District Hospital, Neyyattinkara, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of in-patients and out-patients respectively who were treated during each of the years from the year 1100 up till now (22-5-1105); and

(*b*) whether they are aware that there is an urgent public demand for more space in the hospital and for the opening of a maternity ward?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) A statement* is laid on the table.

(*b*) No.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): The answer to part (*b*) is in the negative. May I know whether this negative answer is based on any report from the Inspecting Medical Officer?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether he says that there is ample space in the hospital at present?

* *Vide* Appendix XXXVII—page 810.

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